



Nebraska Energy

ASSISTANCE NETWORK

NEAN Meeting Notice

Thursday, October 11, 2007
11 AM – 2:30 PM
Aquila
501 W. Sixth St.
Papillion, NE
Conference Room A
Jan's Office: 402.935.4874
Cory's Cell: 402.616.6940

Lunch is provided, courtesy of Aquila. Please **RSVP by Tuesday, October 9; call 402.221.2159** (Sheila Nelson) or e-mail **Sheila.nelson@aquila.com**. Meeting minutes from NEAN minutes from the September 13 NEAN meeting and NEAN Executive Team minutes from September 24 may be found on the NEAN website: [9/13/07 NEAN Mtg Minutes](#); [9/24/07 NEAN Exec Mtg Minutes](#). The meeting will begin promptly at 11 a.m. and conclude by 2:30 p.m.

MAJOR AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE:

- Strategic Planning Process
- Head Start Program
- Energy Burden Study Update
- NEAN Committee Reports

CONFERENCE CALL INFORMATION: Dial-in #: Call in number: 1.866.234.4460
Participant Code – *6807591*

NOTE FOR ENERGY EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Energy Education Committee will meet at 9:30 a.m., prior to the NEAN meeting in Conference Room A.

NOTE FOR ENERGY ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE: Energy Assistance Committee will meet at 9:30 a.m., prior to the NEAN meeting in Conference Room B.

PARKING: Free parking available in parking lots near the building.

Judi Martin, NEAN Chair
Omaha Public Power District
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Omaha, NE 68102
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Interested parties are invited to join us and learn how we can work together to meet the mission of the Nebraska Energy Assistance Network: To assist Nebraskans meet energy needs through education, collaboration and advocacy.

**NEAN Meeting Notes
Aquila Office, Papillion
October 11, 2007**

Attendance:

Joyce Barlean	North Central Public Power District
Marge Buescher	Catholic Social Services – Hastings
Rick Cheloha	Loup Power District
Tracey Christensen	Metropolitan Utilities District
Jan Davis	Aquila
Pete Davis	Nebraska Energy Office
Linda Eidem (call-in)	NorthWestern Energy
Cory Fuehrer (call-in)	Nebraska Public Power District
Krista Heineman	Goldenrod Hills
Rick Hemphill	Elkhorn Rural, Stanton Co. and Cedar-Knox PPD
Roger Hunt	Nebraska Public Power District
Ronda Jaeschke	SourceGas
Paul Johnson	Aquila
Bill Lucke	Aquila
Judi Martin	Omaha Public Power District
Mari Matulka	Metropolitan Utilities District
Jamie Moore	United Way / 2-1-1
Sheila Nelson	Aquila
Shirley Niemeyer	University of Nebraska – Lincoln Extension
Mary Beth Rathe	Community Action of Nebraska
Char Reiman	SourceGas
Julie Thacker	Metropolitan Utilities District
Diane Vesely-Robb	Lincoln Action Program
Jeff Wibel	The Salvation Army

Next NEAN Committee Meeting: Thursday, November 8, 2007 – 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

NEAN Strategic Planning Meeting

Facilitator: Mary Simmons

– **Host – Head Start Association**

645 S. Locust St.
Grand Island, NE

Nearest landmark: Fonner Park

Parking available in Head Start parking lot

Rick Cheloha's cell phone: 402.910.8905

Jan Davis' cell phone: 402.616.6940

Note: There will **not** be a conference call scheduled as there is no phone in the conference room.

Lunch provided by Omaha Public Power District

- I.** Meeting called to order by Judi Martin
- II.** Introductions
- III.** Minutes accepted from September 13 meeting
- IV.** Executive Committee Report
 - A. Treasurer's Report
 - i. Received one membership payment from Catholic Social Services – \$100
 - ii. Issued check (\$8.40) to Dawson Public Power District to reimburse for web design balance (tax)
 - iii. Balance as of September 30, 2007 = \$3,000.80
 - B. Membership
 - i. New members: Cedar-Knox Public Power District, Elkhorn Rural Public Power District, Goldenrod Hills Community Action, Metropolitan Utilities District, North Central Public Power District, Southern Power District, Stanton County Public Power District, United Way of the Midlands, University of Nebraska – Lincoln Extension
 - ii. Recent membership: Catholic Social Services and Central Nebraska Community Services, Nebraska Head Start Association
 - C. United Way / 2-1-1
 - i. 2-1-1 funding provided through public and private partnerships with Nebraska United Way Network, county and regional health departments, city government, nonprofit coalitions, community foundations, and private
 - ii. Congress is trying to get funding to provide service across the country
 - iii. 2-1-1 telephone service provided to 80% of Nebraska's population
 - iv. There is not enough public knowledge of this service
 - v. Toll free service, 24/7
 - vi. Benefits of calling 2-1-1: Services are streamlined by elimination of confusing and frustrating searches for most vulnerable populations: elderly, disabled, non-English speaking, illiterate, incapacitated by crisis, etc.
 - vii. Possible problems: If county is not set for PBX, caller may get a busy signal; some land lines and cell phones are not able to call 2-1-1 because they are not programmed properly
 - viii. Telephone lines are not set up by county lines; 2-1-1 system is set up by county lines
 - ix. Top number of calls received request assistance with rent and utilities, food, housing, bus fare, etc.
 - x. Follow-up with a percentage of the calls regarding service indicated most problems were due to referred agency's lack of funds

- xi. Suggest utilities include 2-1-1 insert in utility bills to promote the program. Jamie Moore will send information to Sheila who will forward to NEAN members
- xii. United Way is already linked to NEAN website in two places

Lunch - Thank you Aquila hosting and providing lunch!

V. Committee Reports

A. Energy Assistance Committee

- i. Data Collection
 - a. Everyone is working with their own companies
 - b. Rick Hemphill is having some problems
 - c. Not yet decided whether 2008 data collections will be monthly or quarterly
 - d. January 2008 will have data collected for all of 2007

B. Energy Education Committee

- i. Received \$18,000 grant from NPPD for ordering energy kits
- ii. \$2,400 grant as researched by Shirley Niemeyer
- iii. 1,150 energy kits ordered; received 1,000
- iv. November 8 – Grand Island
 - Meeting with Head Start for “Train the Trainer” session;
 - 3-5 p.m., after NEAN meeting
 - Will disburse energy kits in Grand Island for those who wish to participate
- v. \$500 Spanish DOE Energy Savers Booklets provided by Aquila
- vi. \$500 English DOE Energy Savers Booklets provided NorthWestern Energy
- vii. Judi has provided NEAN labels for Energy Savers Booklets
- viii. Shirley Niemeyer will modify materials for Hispanic population; case workers will select English or Spanish, as needed
- ix. Shirley Niemeyer presented slide show on energy education which will be presented to Head Start families
 - Module 1
 - Pre-survey
 - Introduction to program
 - Why use energy wisely?
 - Module 2
 - Paying for energy – Energy doesn’t have to be a budget buster
 - Planning for energy costs and use
 - Budgeting
 - Module 3
 - Energy Efficient Tips: Utilize pie charts summary of energy use in the home. Video units in module/kit:
 - Unit 1: Lighting
 - Unit 2: Weatherization

- Unit 3: Windows and doors
 - Unit 4: Heating and cooling
 - Unit 5: Appliances and equipment (Energy Star, Energy Guide)
 - Unit 6: Water heaters and water conservation
 - Unit 7: Power down
 - Unit 8: Top 10 energy efficient tips/summary
- Module 4
 - CO, portable heaters, grills, oven use, generators, etc.?
- Module 5
 - Looking for an energy efficient home or apartment
 - Single family
 - Multi-unit
 - When you buy or own
- Module 6
 - Looking for energy assistance resources? What to do when the power is off? (Energy assistance.)
- Module 7
 - Kids can help too!
- Module 8
 - Communication
 - Communicating for problem solving
 - Communicating with landlord, repair persons, utility companies
- Module 9
 - Post survey and evaluation; UNO will do post survey
- x. Issue a news release when “Train the Trainer” rolls out. Actual launch will be up to Head Start. Hope to start by January 2008.
- xi. Curriculum Committee: Shirley Niemeyer, Diane Vesely-Robb, Roger Hunt, Paul Johnson, Judi Martin
- C. Resource Clearing House Committee - Website
 - i. Website management/server: \$95 a year with tracking – approved by NEAN Committee
- D. Administration/Communication
 - i. New letterhead with NEAN members
 - Cory will distribute letterhead to committee chairs, as needed
 - ii. Working on bylaws
 - iii. Still a question regarding rights and responsibilities of regular members and associate members
 - iv. Will be in touch with Curriculum Committee regarding communications
 - v. Jan and Linda will work on recruiting brochure

VI. Weatherization

- A. South Central Partnership in Hastings
- B. Team up with Kiwanis and Hastings College Fraternity
- C. Second year Aquila is doing a weatherization program
 - i. Houses selected through Lincoln Action Program

- ii. Home owners, not renters
- iii. Liability issue?
 - Home owner signs disclaimer

VII. Miscellaneous

A. Next NEAN meeting

- i. Will review strategic plan at November 8 NEAN meeting
- ii. Identify other possible players to be a part of NEAN
- iii. Energy Education Committee will meet prior to NEAN meeting at 9:30 a.m.
- iv. Possible sources for grants
 - Department of Energy
 - Environmental Protection Agency
 - Foundations / local foundations
 - Environmental Trust
 - Oil companies
 - Susan Buffett Foundation
 - Do any of NEAN members have grant writers on staff who may be able to assist?
 - Hastings Library has section devoted to grant writing
 - The Salvation Army and American Red Cross have grant writers
 - Give Jeff Wibel some key phrases for them to review

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.